



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016**

**Horizon Park  
15444 N. 100th St.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260**

**PRESENT:** Virginia Harris, Chair  
Todd Davis, Vice Chair  
Michael Bouscher, Commissioner  
Anne Wurth, Commissioner  
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Chris Thuman, Commissioner

**STAFF:** Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director  
Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Jody Pierce, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Chris Walsh, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Jeremy Hildenbrandt, Operations Supervisor  
Trevor Groth, Recreation Leader III  
Ron Steffen, Maintenance Worker III  
Kelli Kurtz, Recreation Coordinator

**Call to Order**

Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present as noted above.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

## **Moment of Silence**

Commission members observed a moment of silence.

### **1. Approval of the Minutes**

a. Regular Meeting: March 16, 2016

**COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 16, 2016 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. VICE-CHAIR DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER THUMAN WAS ABSENT.**

### **2. Horizon Park and Community Center Update**

Kelli Kurtz, Recreation Coordinator, gave an update on recreation programming at Horizon Park and Community Center. She described the community center and afterschool activities and other recreation activities that are available on the 95-acre park including commercial uses, softball fields, volleyball courts basketball courts, playgrounds, leisure recreation classes, and a summer youth recreation program. Youth Corps will be housed at Horizon beginning this summer. Ms. Kurtz noted that plans are in the works to have the afterschool program do a project updating the botanical garden that was installed several years ago and she hopes to do a youth program to build and maintain a garden in the near future. The five-year plan includes upgrading the gymnasium/stage area with audiovisual technology and internet similar to what is available at Mountain View Park.

Commission Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Vice-Chair Davis noted that corporations are often looking for opportunities to donate items and/or offer volunteers through a team building activity for projects such as building the garden. Ms. Peters noted that once a proposal is developed for the garden, the center would welcome donations and volunteer groups. Ms. Kurtz noted that people who inquire about pickleball are directed to Cholla Park.

### **3. Playground Safety**

Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager and Certified Playground Safety Inspector, gave an overview of the importance of maintaining safe playgrounds and the work that goes into inspections and audits, noting that the bulk of her presentation would be given during the tour scheduled to follow this meeting.

### **4. Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Woodley commented on the quality of the equipment on the Chapparal fitness course.

Vice-Chair Davis commented that it is exciting to see people using the new fitness course.

## **5. Director's Report of Current Events**

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director, said that the FY 2017/18 fees and charges process will begin in the Fall. as was the case this year, a Commissioner will be asked to volunteer to participate in the meetings. Once the fees and charges packet is prepared, it will be presented to the Commission prior to being placed in the final budget packet.

Mr. Pryor noted that this season's Giants Spring Training was successful. With an average of over 11,000 attendees per game, Scottsdale Stadium finished third in the Cactus League behind the Cubs and Diamondbacks stadiums.

Scottsdale Stadium will host Date Night on May 7th.

Mighty Mud Mania is scheduled for June 11th at Chaparral Park.

Mr. Pryor noted that Grayhawk Community HOA has approached the City about partnering to build pickleball courts at Thompson Peak Park. Meetings are in progress, and once a proposal has been completed the group will present to the Commission and ask for approval.

The Rugby Bowl will be held on April 23, 2016 at Scottsdale stadium with gates opening at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Pryor noted that last year the event had over 5,000 people in attendance.

Vice-Chair Davis requested that the Commission be provided with benchmarked fees information as part of the fees and charges process.

## **6. Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

## **7. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the regular meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz